

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 2, at line 25 as shown below:

Suitable silane-containing polyvinyl alcohols are fully or partly hydrolyzed vinyl ester polymers having a degree of hydrolysis of 75 to 100 mol%. The fully hydrolyzed vinyl ester polymers have a degree of hydrolysis of preferably 97.5 to 100 mol%, more preferably 98 to 99.5 mol%. The partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl esters have a degree of hydrolysis of preferably 80 to 95 mol%, more preferably 86 to 90 mol%. The H ppler viscosity (in accordance with DIN 53015 as a 4% by weight aqueous solution) serves as a measure of the molecular weight and of the degree of polymerization of the partly or fully hydrolyzed, silanized vinyl ester polymers, and is preferably from 2 to 50 mPas, measured at 23 C.